THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) In the following 24 States and Union Territories Special Component Plan for Scheduled Caste is being implemented; Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Chandigarh, Delhi and Pondicherry.

(b) All the 24 States/UTs which have Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes have already been requested to furnish the details, of assets created for Scheduled Castes. The details will be placed on the table of the House on receipt of the same from the States/UTs.

Non-Implcmcntation of any Scheme with the NHWF

616. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not a single scheme or project has been implemented so far with the National Handicapped Welfare Fund set up in 1983;

(b) if so, what was the objective of setting up the said Fund;

(c) the estimated amount of fund held at present by NHWF; and

(d) the reasons for not utilising the fund to any of the scheme so far?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Handicapped Welfare Fund was created to fulfil the following objectives:-

(i) To promote voluntary sector for creating services for the handicapped for prevention, early detection of disabilities, education, training, physical and economic rehabilitation of disabled persons.

(ii) To do all other things that are incidental and conducive to the above objective.

(c) At present, a sum of Rs. 8.05 crore (approx.) is available in the National Handicapped Welfare Fund.

(d) Schemes to be funded out of the National Handicapped Welfare Fund could not be finalised. As such, no funds could be utilised.

Recruitment of Physically Handicapped in Government

617. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be please to state:

(a) whether the provision of 3% reservation in Government jobs for handicapped and disabled is being implemented in the Ministries and Public Sector Undertakings of Governments of India;

(b) if so, the number of such persons employed during last one year and percentage yet to be filled in out of left over quota as backlog;

(c) how Government propose to fill in the backlog within this year and the strategies devised for this purpose;

(d) whether Chief Commissioner of Handicapped has since been appointed; and

(e) if so, since when and if not, the reasons for not filling the post since February 1996?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (c) The required information is being called for from concerned Ministers/Deptts. and public sector undertakings.